

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) A hanging device, which includes:

a base having a back side configured for mounting to a vertical support and a front side;

a first retaining member connected to said front side and extending outward therefrom;

a second retaining member disposed adjacent said first retaining member;

first means for biasing said second retaining member toward said first retaining member;

and

first means for simultaneously permitting said biasing means to be compressed with part of one's hand while permitting insertion of an article to be hung between said retaining members with the same hand whereupon the garment can be supportively retained between and by said retaining members.

2. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said base is elongated having a long axis vertically disposed.

3. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first retainer member includes a flared end extending outward from said front side.

4. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first retaining member is rigid.

5. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said second retaining member is rigid.

6. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said retaining members includes a ridged surface adjacent a point of contact therebetween.

7. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said front side is disposed at

a predetermined angle with respect to the vertical support when said base is mounted thereto such that an upper end of said front side is more outwardly disposed from the support than a lower end of said front side.

8. (Original) The hanging device of claim 7, wherein said front side is hingedly connected to said back side.

9. (Original) The hanging device of claim 8, which includes a latch for latching said front side to said back side.

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12. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first biasing means includes an angled -spring metal.

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14. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said device permits removal of a retained garment by pulling on a free end of the garment with sufficient force to overcome a spring force constant of said biasing means.

15. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein one of said retaining members includes said first permitting means.

16. (Original) The hanging device of claim 1, which includes a third retaining member connected to said front side and extending outward therefrom and longitudinally spaced from said first retaining member, a fourth retaining member disposed adjacent said third retaining member, second means for biasing said fourth retaining member toward said third retaining member, and second means for simultaneously permitting said second biasing means to

be compressed with part of one's hand while permitting insertion of a garment between said third and fourth retaining members with the same hand whereupon the article can be supportively retained between and by said retaining members.

17. (Original) The hanging device of claim 16, wherein said base is elongated having a long axis vertically disposed.

18. (Original) The hanging device of claim 17, wherein said first and second retaining members are horizontally disposed with respect to said third and fourth retaining members.

19. (Original) The hanging device of claim 17, wherein said first and second retaining members are horizontally staggered with respect to said third and fourth retaining members.